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# LETTER FROM THE *SECRETARY AT WAR,*

## ACCOMPANYING A REPORT AND SUNDRY STATEMENTS, *SUPPLEMENTARY TO HIS REPORT*

RECEIVED THE 16TH INSTANT,

In Pursuance of two Resolutions of this House  
of the 28th of March last.

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23d April, 1798.

Referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom is committed the Bill making Appropriations for the Military Establishment for the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and ninety-eight, and for other Purposes.

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*War Department,*

*18th April, 1798.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit  
to the House of Representatives, a Report, supple-  
mentary to the Report submitted on the 13th  
instant.

And am,

SIR,

With great Respect,

Your obedient, humble Servant,

JAMES M'HENRY.

*The SPEAKER of the  
House of Representatives.  
of the United States.*

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## REPORT.

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*War Department, 18th April, 1798.*

**T**HE Secretary for the Department of War, has the honor to report the annexed statements, supplementary to his report of the 13th instant, and in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, bearing date the 28th of March, 1798, requiring "An estimate in detail" of the probable application of the sum to be appropriated for the Quarter-Master Department "for the present year."

No. 1. A letter from the Quarter-Master-General, dated Pittsburgh, the 9th of April instant.

No. 2. An estimate by the Quarter-Master, for expenditures on the North-Western frontier, Ohio and Mississippi, amounting to 207,200 dollars, exclusive of 28,000 dollars, for the pay and subsistence of the crews of four gallies, destined to the protection of our posts, and navigation in the rivers Ohio and Mississippi. It is doubtful, whether the state of things will admit of the major part of the crews for these gallies being drawn from the line of the army, or require that men should be expressly engaged for the service. It will be expedient therefore to cover their pay and subsistence by an adequate appropriation.

In a letter dated the 9th instant, Brigadier-General Wilkinson observes, "I have examined and ap-

" proved the estimate of the Quarter-Master-General; the amount is considerable, yet it will be found in the result, barely sufficient to embrace the several subjects it comprehends."

No. 3. A detailed view of the articles wanted for the troops and garrisons on the frontiers of Georgia, transportation of these and Indian annuities included, amounting to 29,400 dollars.

No. 4. A detailed view of the articles wanted for the troops and garrisons on the frontiers of the State of Tennessee, transportation of these and Indian annuities included, amounting to 29,400 dollars.

No. 5. An estimate of the cost of transportation of ordinance, military and Quarter-Master stores, medicines, clothing, &c. from Philadelphia or the different magazines, to Pittsburgh and ports on the sea-board; and of arms, &c. made or repaired, from the places where made or repaired, to this city, or other places of deposit.

The first charge in the estimate No. 5, is for the transportation, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, of ordinance and articles called for by the commanding General, to put in a proper state of defence, the posts on the North Western frontier, Ohio and Mississippi; the transportation of these from Pittsburgh to their places of destination, not being included in the estimate No. 2.

The second charge embraces the usual transportation of clothing and supplies for the army and posts, and the annuities and presents for the Indians, from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

The third charge, the transportation of supplies from Philadelphia to the posts and garrisons on the sea-coast, and several recruiting places of rendezvous.

The fourth, the transportation of arms, clothing, &c. from the places where fabricated to the stores

and magazines provided for them, the whole amounting to 63,762 dollars.

These several estimates exhibit the probable application of the monies, which will be required for the Quarter-Master Department for the present year, amounting to 357,762 dollars.

It is proper to observe respecting these estimates, that although there has been as much detail attempted, and attention bestowed in forming them, as could be given to the subject, they may nevertheless, from unavoidable omissions, and being predicated on a pacific state of things, and the present establishment only, fall short of representing the actual expenditures for which a provision may be necessary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES M'HENRY.

No. I.

*Pittsburgh, 9th April; 1798.*

SIR,

Inclosed I have the honour to transmit the estimate required by you. It has been formed under the direction of General Wilkinson, and approved of by him.

I have left a blank for the sum to be filled for the pay and subsistence of the crew of the gallies, by the direction of General Wilkinson, that it may be inserted by you. General Wilkinson alledges, that it will require sixty men to work each galley; if these are to be paid by the Quarter-Master Department, it will require a large sum. The least wages that can be expected to be given to men engaged expressly for this service, would be from ten to twelve dollars per month. At this rate the pay for two hundred and forty men for a year, would be 28,800 dollars; but should fewer be employed, and part of them troops, it would still lessen the sum, which is to be regulated by you.

Am, SIR,

With great respect,  
Your most obedient servant,

JNO. WILKINS, Jun.  
Quarter-Master-Geneal.

*The Honorable*

JAMES M'HENRY,  
*Secretary at War.*

## No. II.

An Estimate of the probable Expenditures in  
the Quarter-Master Department for the Year  
1798.

Deputy, Assistants and Clerks in the Quarter-	
Master Department . . . . .	4,500
Boatmen . . . . .	12,000
Packhorsemen . . . . .	5,000
Waggoners . . . . .	7,000
Labourers . . . . .	3,000
Armourers . . . . .	6,000
Artificers . . . . .	14,000
Pay and Subsistence of the Captain and } Crew of the Sloop Detroit } . . . . .	4,000
Occasional Repairs for the Sloop Detroit	1,000
Schooner building at Detroit . . . . .	6,000
Packet Boat building at ditto . . . . .	2,000
Pay and Subsistence for the Captain and } Crew of the new Schooner for six } months, . . . . .	2,500
Pay and Subsistence for the Captain and Crew of the Packet Boat for six } months . . . . .	1,200
Four Galleys building at Pittsburgh . . . . .	16,000
Pay and Subsistence for the Crews of Four } Galleys, 60 men each, 240 men, at } dollars per month . . . . .	
Picketing in Ship Yard, erecting Wharf, repairing of Barracks, &c. at Pitts- } burgh . . . . .	6,000
Carried forward	Dollars 90,200

	Amount brought forward	90,200
Hire of expresses		6,000
Bar Iron and Nail Rods		4,000
Stationary		2,000
Kentucky Boats		1,000
Keel Boats		1,500
Fuel		8,000
Forage		20,000
Occasional Purchase of Oxen and Draft Horses	}	3,000
Horses for Express Service		2,000
Occasional Purchase of Pack Horses		6,500
Hire of private Boats on Freight		5,000
Bags, Lash Rope, Pack Saddles, &c.		600
Occasional Purchase of Carpenters' Tools, Smiths' Tools, &c.	}	400
Retained Subsistence		1,500
Saddles, Bridles, Geers, &c.		1,000
Tents, Camp Kettles, Intrenching Tools, &c.	}	6,000
Repairs to the Fortifications and Barracks at Michillimackinac	}	5,000
Ditto ditto at Detroit		6,500
Erecting of new Barracks at Presq' Isle		3,000
To strengthen and repair the Fortifications at Chickasaw Bluffs and Walnt Hills	}	12,000
For erecting a Fort near the Western National Boundary, including barracks, magazines, casemates, &c.	}	20,000
Erecting new Barracks at Wayne		2,000
	Dollars	207,200

Pittsburgh, 9th April, 1798.

JNO. WILKINS, Jun.  
Quarter-Master-General.

## No. III.

Estimate of Articles wanted for the Troops  
and Garrisons on the Frontiers of Georgia,  
usually supplied through the Quarter-Master  
Department; calculated for the supply of a  
Regiment, and one Company of Cavalry, for  
the year 1798.

	Dolls. Cts.
Fuel	2,000 00
Forage	5,000 00
Purchase of Horses and Hire for Express Service	1,000 00
Occasional Purchase of Tools for Car- penters, Smith, &c.	200 00
Saddles, Bridles, Geers, &c.	200 00
Tents, Camp Kettles, and Intrenching Tools	1,000 00
Erection of new Barracks and Fortifi- cations, and Repairs of the old ones	5,000 00
Stationary	500 00
Bar Iron, Nails and Nail Rods	1,000 00
Purchase or Hire of occasional Trans- portation at the Post	3,000 00
Transportation of the Clothing, Me- dicines, Military Ordnance and Quarter-Master Stores, from this city and other posts (suppose 20 loads)	7,500 00
Ditto, for Indian Annuities and occa- sional Presents	3,000 00
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Dollars	29,400 00

*Note.* No charge is made for the payment of Artificers, Labourers, &c. This must be considered as a contingent depending on circumstances.

SAMUEL HODGDON,  
For the Quarter-Master-General.

*Philadelphia,*  
*17th April, 1798.*

## No. IV.

Estimate of Articles wanted for the Troops and Garrisons on the Frontiers of Tennessee, usually supplied through the Quarter-Master Department; calculated for the supply of a Regiment of Infantry, and one Company of Cavalry, for the year 1798.

	Dolls. Cts.
Fuel	2,000 00
Forage	5,000 00
Purchase of Horses and Hire for Express Service	1,000 00
Occasional Purchase of Tools for Car- penters, Smiths, &c.	200 00
Saddles, Bridles, Geers, &c.	200 00
Tents, Camp Kettles, and Entrenching Tools	1,000 00
Erection of new Barracks and Forti- fications, and Repairs to the old ones	5,000 00
Stationary	500 00
Bar Iron, Nails and Nail Rods	1,000 00
Purchase or Hire of occasional Trans- portation at the Post	3,000 00
Transportation of the Clothing, Me- dicines, Military, Ordnance and Quarter-Master Stores, from this city and other posts (suppose 20 loads)	7,500 00
Ditto, for Indian Annuities and occa- sional Presents	3,000 00
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SAMUEL HODGDON,  
For the Quarter-Master-General.

*Philadelphia,*  
*17th April, 1798.*

Estimate for the Transportation of Ordnance, Military and Quarter-Master Stores, Medicines, Clothing, &c. sent from Philadelphia, or the different Magazines from Philadelphia, to the Posts on the Sea Board; and the smaller Transportation of Arms, &c. made or repaired, to this City, or other Places of Deposit.

	Dolls. Cts.
1. For the Transportation to Pittsburgh of the Ordnance and Stores called for by the return lately received from the commanding General	} 34,994 00
2. For the ordinary Transportation of Supplies for the Army and Posts, including the Annuities to the In- dians, from this city to Pittsburgh	} 15,768 00
3. For the Tranportation of the Sup- plies necessary for the Posts on the Sea Board, and to the several re- cruiting Rendezvous	} 10,000 00
4. For the Transportation of Arms, Clothing, &c. from the places where they are fabricated to the stores and magazines provided for them	} 3,000 00
	<hr/> Dollars 63,762 00

SAMUEL HODGDON,  
For the Quarter-Master-General.

Philadelphia, 18th April, 1798.

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